

RE: DHS Request for Principal Call - Today

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Cc: "Welsh, Crystal" <crystal.welsh@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Date: Wed, 09 Feb 2022 17:10:12 +0000

Hi Lesley,

By way of update, the US is open to having the call tomorrow and both we and Andrew can support.

Unless you disagree, we'll find a 30-minute block this afternoon to touch base with NSOD (sort of a pre-call) and a 30-minute block tomorrow with the US; we'll determine in the next few hours if this can be done classified/unclassified.

Thanks,
Justin

From: Chan, Justin
Sent: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 8:55 AM
To: Soper, Lesley <Lesley.Soper@PS-SP.GC.CA>
Cc: Welsh, Crystal <Crystal.Welsh@PS-SP.GC.CA>
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Sure, will do.

From: Soper, Lesley <Lesley.Soper@PS-SP.GC.CA>
Sent: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 8:49 AM
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Cc: Welsh, Crystal <Crystal.Welsh@PS-SP.GC.CA>
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It could be classified and we could include RCMP/NSOD. Can you connect with Andrew A. and see if there is interest?

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I wish to acknowledge and honour the Algonquin Nation and their traditional territory upon which I am grateful to work and live. /
Je souhaite reconnaître et honorer la Nation algonquienne et son territoire traditionnel sur lequel je suis reconnaissante de
travailler et de vivre.

From: Chan, Justin <Justin.Chan@PS-SP.GC.CA>
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Hi Lesley,

Crystal fielded a call yesterday evening from DHS/Kara regarding a request from their Assistant Secretary for CT Sam Vinograd wanting to discuss the current situation – we understand they're interested in the cross-border element and any risks/threats associated with it; we're not aware of any particular asks of us, they just want to talk.

As you can see, the call can be unclassified and they are open to scheduling at our convenience. I recommend you take the call, with us in support; we can prepare a short readout message afterwards you may wish to share with Dom.

We can work with Michèle to find an appropriate time in your schedule – perhaps this afternoon – and coordinate with Kara.

Finally, with regards to the National Terrorist Advisory System Bulletin they reference, the link is here: <https://www.dhs.gov/ntas/advisory/national-terrorism-advisory-system-bulletin-february-07-2022>; you'll note the below reference:

- * As COVID-19 restrictions continue to decrease nationwide, increased access to commercial and government facilities and the rising number of mass gatherings could provide increased opportunities for individuals looking to commit acts of violence to do so, often with little or no warning. Meanwhile, COVID-19 mitigation measures—particularly COVID-19 vaccine and mask mandates—have been used by domestic violent extremists to justify violence since 2020 and could continue to inspire these extremists to target government, healthcare, and academic institutions that they associate with those measures.

Thanks,
Justin

From: Petrella, Kara <Kara.Petrella@PS-SP.GC.CA> **Personal Info.**
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Subject: Request for Principal Call - February 10

Crystal,

Thank you for taking time to speak with me yesterday evening. Following up as I have a bit more information regarding the request.

Sam Vinograd, (A) Assistant Secretary for Counterterrorism and Threat Prevention Policy requests a call with Public Safety to discuss the protests in Ottawa and any potential threats related to the situation and the convoy. This call can be unclassified. She would be joined by John Cohen who is the Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Under Secretary of Intelligence and Analysis and Coordinator for Counterterrorism. I'm not sure if you saw we recently updated and released our National Terrorist Advisory System Bulletin, but it is a key indicator as to why we feel a conversation would be beneficial.

Would it be possible to arrange a call tomorrow - possibly with ADM Rochon and/or DG Soper? We recognize you all are incredibly busy and will make ourselves available at a time convenient to you. Please let me know.

Regards,
KP